

SENATE WATCH

A summary of today's Senate actions; published daily when the Senate is in session.

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BUDGETS

SB 264 (BARCIA)

Dept. of Agriculture budget

• The Senate adopted the Conference Report to SB 264 [RC 416: 38 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 271 (SCOTT)

Dept. of Human Services budget

• The Senate adopted the Conference Report to SB 271 [RC 417: 38 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 272 (SWITALSKI)

General Government budget

• The Senate adopted the Conference Report to SB 272 [RC 418: 34 yes, 2 no (Cassis, Patterson)]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 281 (BARCIA)

Dept. of Transportation budget

• The Senate adopted the Conference Report to SB 281 [RC 419: 22 yes, 16 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

FINAL PASSAGE

SB 248 (Patterson) HB 4963 (D. Law)

Support: Secretary of State, MI Lighthouse Fund, American Legion, Ducks Unlimited, Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

Opposed: The Governor vetoed SB 785 last session and all indications are SB 248 would meet the same fate. State Police are opposed to this legislation because it will make it increasingly difficult to recognize and identify Michigan License plates for police officers and incident/accident witnesses. This bill establishes no limit or limitations on the number of new plates, and provides no method for recall of plates that are discontinued under the imposed sales quota. While recognizing the important role that fundraising plays for many non-profits, the state police also note that if an interest group would like to advertise on the back of the car, they already have the option of bumper stickers, or vanity plates attached to the front of the vehicle.

<u>SB 248</u> would direct the Secretary of State to develop fundraising plates for non-profit organizations, provided the Legislature must pass a bill authorizing that the Secretary of State may establish a fundraising plate.

- SB 248 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments. (9/15)
- SB 248 passed [RC 425: 24 yes, 14 no].

<u>HB 4963</u> would allow the Department of State to continue to issue fund-raising plate program after the current sunset dates. This would permit the continued collection of fund-raising revenue for the 15 state universities, certain designated state programs, and, for the "Proud to be American" plate, certain private non-profit charitable institutions.

- HB 4963 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments. (9/15)
- HB 4963 passed with IE [RC 426: 38 yes, 0 no].

SB 423 (Gilbert) HB 4673 (Pavlov)

SB 423 and HB 4673 would establish a criminal penalty of up to life in prison for the delivery of controlled substance that caused the death of a person who consumed the substance.

SB 423:

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted. (9/15)
- SB 423 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- SB 423 passed with IE [RC 427: 38 yes, 0 no].

HB 4673:

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted. (9/15)
- HB 4673 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- HB 4673 passed with IE [RC 428: 38 yes, 0 no].

HB 4082 (GLEASON) HB 4469 (GLEASON) HB 4470 (LaJoy)

<u>HB 4082</u> would require the Secretary of State to ask driver's license and state id holders if they would like to join the organ, tissue and eye donor registry and to keep and transmit that data electronically to our state's federally designated organ procurement organization as well as to provide for a heart insignia on the front of the license signifying participants in the registry. HB 4082 reduces revenues to the Michigan Transportation Fund, the source of funding for local and state road and highway repairs and construction, by \$10 million.

• Committee 1 (S-3) was adopted.

- SWITALSKI 1A was withdrawn.
- Johnson 1B was adopted.
- Garcia 2 (S-4) was withdrawn.
- Garcia 3 (S-5) was withdrawn
- HB 4082 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- PRUSI 1 was defeated [RC 423: 16 yes, 22 no]. Clarifying language on existing fees.
- HB 4082 passed with IE [RC 424: 36 yes, 2 no].

<u>HBs 4469-70</u> (and HB 4082) would establish a heart insignia on the front of the driver license and state identification card and would change how the secretary of state approaches residents regarding organ and tissue donation. The bills are intended to enhance and strengthen the state's donor registry and increase the number of residents on the registry. Supporters say that a recent study estimated that 25 percent of Michigan driver's license holders would be registered donors within four years after implementation of policies similar to the other 41 states which have donor designation on their license. The heart insignia, coupled with questioning by the secretary of state upon renewal will increase Michigan's donor registry.

HB 4469:

- HB 4469 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments. (6/1)
- HB 4469 passed with IE [RC 421: 38 yes, 0 no].

HB 4470:

- Committee 1 (S-1) was defeated. (6/1)
- Hammerstrom 1A (2 amends) was withdrawn.
- Hammerstrom 2 (2 amends) was adopted.
- *HB 4470 was moved to 3rd Reading.*
- HB 4470 passed with IE [RC 422: 38 yes, 0 no].

HB 4803 (Gaffney)

HB 4803 would prohibit school districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts from beginning the school year before Labor Day.

Support: Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Restaurant Association, Michigan's Adventure amusement park, Michigan RV and Campground Association, Tourism Coalition of Michigan, Michigan Hotel, Motel, and Resort Association, Lake Michigan Car Ferry, Grand Hotel (Mackinac Island), Marriot International Michigan Boating Industries Association, Michigan Grocers Association, Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce, Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds of Michigan, Small Business Association of Michigan West Michigan Tourist Council, Michigan Retailers Association, Michigan Golf Course Owners Association.

Oppose: Michigan Federation of Teachers, Oakland Schools, Michigan Association of School Boards, Michigan Association of School Administrators, Macomb school district, Middle and Elementary School Principals Association.

- Sanborn 1 (2 amends) was adopted.
- Sanborn 2 (1 amend) was adopted.
- BASHAM 3 (2 amends) was defeated. This would have put a two-year sunset on the bill.
- HB 4803 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- HB 4803 passed with IE [RC 420: 21 yes, 17 no].

HBs 4865-66 (Caul)

<u>HB 4865</u> would prohibit and prescribe criminal penalties for impersonating a firefighter or emergency medical service (EMS) provider.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was defeated. (9/15)
- Cropsey 2 (S-2) was adopted.
- HB 4865 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- HB 4865 passed with IE [RC 429: 38 yes, 0 no].

<u>HB 4866</u> would include the felony proposed by HB 4865 in the sentencing guidelines. Under the bill impersonating a firefighter or EMS provider would be a felony against the public safety, with a statutory maximum sentence of two years' imprisonment.

- Cropsey 1 (1 amend) was adopted. (9/15)
- *HB* 4866 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- HB 4866 passed with IE [RC 430: 38 yes, 0 no].

THIRD READING

SB 566 (Patterson)

SB 566 would convey two parcels of property in Plymouth Township in Wayne County. The property is commonly known as the Western Wayne Correctional Facility.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was defeated.
- Patterson 2 (S-3) was adopted.
- SB 566 was moved to 3rd Reading.